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In re Application of:

SMIT et al.

Art Unit: 1648

Application No.: 08/807,506

Examiner: R. Budens

Filed: February 26, 1997

For: GRADUAL MODIFICATION, SUPER-AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS OF
SIGNAL PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES

April 12, 2002

PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Dear Sir:

Applicants petition to suspend prosecution under 37 C.F.R. 103 for a period of six months, but is no event less than three months. Applicants respectfully submit that no Office Action is outstanding, no reply is currently due. Applicants original Dutch patent agent has changed firms, and the new Dutch patent agent needs additional time in which to consult with Applicants. Applicants are otherwise not in a position to correspond directly with the undersigned. It is submitted that good and sufficient reasons for this petition have been provided. The Petition fee may be charged to our Deposit Account 06-1135 regarding our Order Nol 7392/71226.

Respectfully submitted,

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